

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Watanuki, Vice Chair Vuppala, Commissioners Dhimi, Hoffman, Kwan, Nugyen-Cleary, and Smith.

Absent: Commissioners Dewan and Iyer

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of February 24, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Nugyen-Cleary and seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the minutes of February 24, 2014. The motion was approved and so ordered.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 CAHRO Northern California Regional Conference

Chair Watanuki asked the Commission to set aside April 25, 2014 to attend the annual California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO) state-wide Training Conference in San Francisco from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. The conference will be held at the San Francisco Federal Building, 90 7th Street, in San Francisco. Commissioner Dhimi, Hoffman, and Chair Watanuki said they would be attending the event.

9.2 FY 2013-2014 Social Services Grant Mid-Year Evaluation Process

Arquimides Caldera gave an update on the midyear evaluation process.

At this point, staff and Commissioners have conducted mid-year site visits for most of the agencies. Staff is currently working on completing their mid-year evaluations and they will be sent to Commissioners who attended the respective site visit. Commissioners will have the opportunity to review the evaluations and provide additional comments, if needed. There are two agencies not complete yet, BAWAR and CRIL. Commissioner Nguyen-Cleary asked to be notified when those visits take place as he would like to attend them.

9.3 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine

Commissioner Hoffman reported back to the Commission that since the last meeting she has sent two more screening requests through the film's website and two personal requests to Zeina, one of the women involved with the film. She has not received a response as of yet. Commissioner Hoffman will try to connect with Jack Weinstein from Facing History and Ourselves to see if he has other contacts she can try. She will report back at the next meeting.

9.4 HRC Planning Retreat

On April 17, 2014, the Commission will hold a strategic planning retreat at the Dominican Sisters' mother house. Staff will be facilitating a process based on the Institute of Cultural Affairs' Technology of Participation facilitation method.

Focus Questions: What community needs are you most passionate about addressing as a Commission in 2014 and 2015? What issues would like to learn more about?

Due to the length of the planning process, staff is requesting commissioners arrive at 8:30 am and commit to stay until 2:00PM. Staff will provide a light breakfast and snacks throughout the morning.

9.4 San Francisco Gay Pride Parade

A letter from the HRC needs to be written to send out to elected officials and another letter for neighboring cities. Chair Watanuki, Commissioners Smith and Nguyen-Cleary will work on the letters.

At least six Commissioners will attend the parade and want to be a monitor. Commissioner Hoffman will head up the Monitor group and Commissioner Kwan will be the decorating committee chair. Commissioner Hoffman will look into tee shirts again for this year's parade. A generator is needed for the float to be able to play music. A planning meeting for the parade will be held on May 1, 2014 in the Training Room.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action)

10.1 NAMI Presentation

Joe Rose, President of National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), spoke to the Commission about his work. Michelle William Smith and Rashad Eady, from the Mental Health Association of Alameda County (MHAAC) Family Education Resource Center (FERC), also spoke.

Chair Watanuki will be contacting Rashad Eady to try and get him in contact with the FUSD and School Board.

10.2 Human Services Department Budget Presentation

Staff presented a broad overview of the Human Services department budget, as well as an overview of the Social Service Grant funding decisions over the last nine years.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS** (Referrals from the City Council to the Commission)

12. **STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Social Service Agency Outreach Committee

No update

12.2 Events Committee

No update

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

No update

12.4 HRC Award Committee

No update

12.5 Friends of the HRC Committee

No update

12.6 Other Commission Updates

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

- 13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.
- 13.3 Staff provided a Warming Center update.
- 13.4 Staff reported back to the Commission that there is LGBT signage at Senior Center.
- 13.5 Staff reported back that the WIFI at the FRC is available for public use, with a general login and password.

- 14. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (a request to have items placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

- 15. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffman and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen Cleary to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.